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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : A61L 9/00, G01N 21/00, B32B 27/04, G01N 30/96, G01N 27/04, G01N 27/00, A61L 2/00; G01N 21/00,
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 422/1,3,28-29,34,37,62,83,88,90,98,105,108,110,119,125,292,298,300,305-306; 73/1.02,23.2,24.01,514.3,DIG.4

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched
NONE.

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	US 2003/0060517 A1 (Tucker et al) 27 March 2003 (27.03.2003), paragraph 0006, paragraph 0075 and paragraph 0084.	1-10 and 22
X	WO 02/066082 A1 (MCvey et al) 29 August 2002 (29.08.2002), page 5, numbered lines 34-36, page 13, numbered lines 12-14 and page 14, numbered lines 31-36.	11-19, 21, 23-24 and 29-31
Y		1-10, 20, 22 and 25-28
Y	US 6,077,480 (Edwards et al) 20 June 2000 (20.06.2000), column 1, lines 5-9 and column 3, lines 6-8, lines 35-38 and lines 49-67.	3-5, 8-14, 16-17, 24 and 29
Y	US 5,852,229 (Josse et al) 22 December 1998 (22.12.1998), column 3, lines 66-67, column 4, lines 1-7 and column 8, lines 22-23.	6 and 25-28

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